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BOOK REVIEWS



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THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS IN THE UNITED STATES. Including a Directory of Institutions Dealing With Tuberculosis in The United States and Canada. Compiled under the direction of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. By Philip P. Jacobs. Price, \$1.00, post-paid. Charities Publication Committee, New York, 105 East 22nd Street.

This work is the first of a series of books to be published, in the near future, by the Charities Publication Committee, acting for the Russell Sage Foundation for the Improvement of Social Conditions. It contains a list of the public and private institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis in the United States and Canada. The introduction gives the credit of the foundation of a definite campaign against tuberculosis to Dr. Edward L. Trudeau who in 1885 started the Adirondack Cottage Sanatorium. A backward glance at the early days of this first sanatorium with its equipment of "a one-room cottage, heated by a wood-stove and lighted by a kerosene lamp," furnishes the contrast necessary to appreciate the present greatness of the work of the campaign. Enormous as is the effort made to cope with the tuberculosis problem it is a long way from being adequate. A careful reading of the present volume only confirms the actual experience of those who have worked among tuberculous patients that except for the incipient and earliest stages, and those actually dying, there is little or no free or moderately priced care in the sanatorium. The public needs further education. It needs not so much to be stirred to more bountiful charity and benevolence, as to a realization that it is a fight for self-preservation; that every case of tuberculosis in the second stage that is left in a crowded home, flat or boarding-house hall room is a menace to the public. A practical rather than a benevolent movement the present crisis calls for. The "Campaign Against Tuberculosis" is sold at actual cost, the only reason its publishers claim for offering it to the public being a desire to further the world-wide movement for the prevention of tuberculosis.